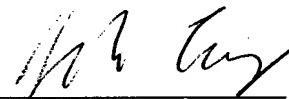


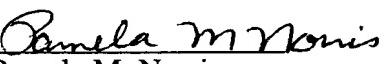
DECLARATION

We, the undersigned inventors, hereby declare that:

- My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below beneath my name.
- We believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Sol-Gel Biomaterial Immobilization, the specification of which is attached hereto.
- We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
- We acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.
- We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of United States provisional application number 60/183,095, filed February 17, 2000.
- We hereby request that all correspondence regarding this application be sent to Pamela M. Norris, 1509 Still Meadow Cove, Charlottesville, VA 22901.
- We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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